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1. UPON RECONSIDERING ALL FACTORS BEARING ON THE PLANNED JANUARY 1977 MEDIA VISIT TO DIEGO GARCIA, DEPT CONCLUDES THAT CONTEMPLATED TIMING IS INAPPROPRIATE. ACCORDINGLY, MEDIA VISIT PLANNING UNDERTAKEN IN RESPONSE OF REFTEL SHOULD BE SUSPENDED. ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD REVIEW CURRENT STATE OF PLANS IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED, ON APPROX FORTY DAYS NOTICE, FOR SUCH A VISIT.

2. RESPONSIVENESS OF ALL CONCERNED TO PREVIOUS GUIDANCE THIS SUBJECT APPRECIATED. REGRET SHORT NOTICE CANCELLATION

3. FOR LONDON: REQUEST INFORM FCO THAT WE REMAIN AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE GENERAL OUTLINES PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED FOR A MEDIA VISIT TO DIEGO GARCIA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE DATE FOR SUCH A VISIT, AND WILL MAKE PROPOSALS TO THAT END FOR HMG CONSIDERATION. FURTHER, REQUEST YOU EXPLORE WITH FCO THE POSSIBILITY OF UTILIZING HONG KONG AS AN ADDITIONAL MEDIA ASSEMBLY/PICKUP POINT FOR A FUTURE VISIT. FINALLY, REQUEST YOU CONVEY OUR

APPRECIATION FOR EFFORTS TO DATE AND REGRET FOR INCONVENIENCES EXPERIENCED AS A RESULT OF US DECISION TO DEFER PROPOSED VISIT.
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